

# CONSIDERATIONS

Humbly offered to the Honourable the House of COMMONS, by the Governour and Company of Merchants of *England*, Trading into the *Levant Seas*, touching the Bill, *Intituled, A Bill for the further incouragement of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom.*

I. **T**Hat the Consumption of *Broad Clothes* in *Turky* hath been of late years increased, from 14 or 15 Thousand, to 25 or 30 Thousand *Clothes per Annum*; and that this increase hath been chiefly effected by taking Raw-Silk and Mohair-Yarn in exchange for them: And if the consumption of Silk and Yarn be lesned in *England*, the consumption of *English Cloth* will be proportionably lesned in *Turky*; for that *Turky* doth not afford Commodities proper for *England* to be brought in returns, to a fourth part of the value of the *Cloth* sent thither, other then the afore-said Commodities of Raw Silk, and Mohair-Yarn, of which two Commodities about three fourth parts of the value is in Silk, and one fourth part in Mohair-Yarn.

II. That if we do not exchange our coarse *Clothes* for Silk and Mohair-Yarn, the Dutch will thereby have an opportunity (which they will certainly make use of, not only to introduce a Manufacture of coarse *Cloth* of their own; but also extreamly to depresse ours; and in a great measure gain the Manufacturing of Silk and Yarn, and supply *England* there-with.

III. That it may be feared, the *Grand Signior*, taking notice of any restraint of the expence of his Native Commodities in *England*, may by way of Retaliation, prohibit the use of our *Cloth* in *Turky*, which would be of very great dammage to this Nation, *Turky* being now the place of its greatest Consumption: And if coarse *Clothes* be not vended there, the *Clothiers* must decline the making them, and consequently coarse Wooll lye on hand, and be of little use or value.

IV. That many Thousands of Families in this Kingdom do wholly subsist upon the Manufacturing of Silk and Mohair-yarn, who will be thereby thrown out of their Livelyhoods, and constrained to remove themselves into other Countries, and particularly into *France*, whether they are already invited by Promises of great Rewards. Whereas the Manufacturing of Silk and Mohair-yarn in *England*, doth daily bring over great numbers of Manufacturers from Foreign parts (who are generally Protestants) to the great benefit of the Kingdom both in People and Wealth.

V. That the forbidding the wearing Silks in the Winter Season, doth in a great measure exclude the Manufacturing of Silk in *England*, because most of the *English* Fabricks being thick and substantial are fittest for the Winter Season: Whereas the thinner and slighter Silks that are worn in the Summer time, are brought in fully Manufactured from the *East-Indies*, and other Foreign Parts.

VI. That if this Bill shall passe into a Law, the Consumption of *Spanish Wool*, may be augmented; but in no proportion to recompence the loss which the *English Wool* will sustain thereby; because the Wearers of Silks and Chamblers being generally persons of better Quality, will probably only wear Garments made of *Spanish Cloth*: